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Governer Sanders addresses Armstrong at dedication ceremony

Gov. Sanders Highlights Dedication of Armstrong

Sandy Beasley

There is an old Chinese proverb which states that every journey of a thousand miles must first begin by taking one step. That first formal step was taken by Armstrong State College on Tuesday, March 9, with the dedication of the new campus by various distinguished guests, includ-ing Governor Carl E. Sanders.

Gov. Sanders, who was given a standing ovation when he was introduced, emphasized the fact that this was only the first step by announcing that he and the Board of Regents had approved the necessary funds for the construction of a new classroom building and additions to the present student center.

Gov. Sanders, who was partly responsible for Armstrong Junior College becoming a member of the University System and who recommended a four year status for ASC in his inaugural address, stated that not only should we remember "those who struggled in the spotlight of leadership" but also remember "those who struggled in the dusks of anonymity" in their efforts to help Armstrong become a four year institution. Gov. Sanders further added that "education

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is not a right but a duty" and that

Starrs Announces Opening Of Masquers Production April 18th

"Take Me Along," the Masquers' production, will open April 18 and run through April 24. All performances will be in the evening except for an April 24 matinee. Mr. William Starrs, director of the play, has expressed hope that it will be held-over.
The comedy, "Take Me Along"

has its own drunks, ladies with a liberal point of view, non-political speeches, chorus girls, and even a few "green snakes" thrown in for good measure. With all that, it still has its white fences, clean beach, and enthusiastic townspeople.

The play, a musical adaptation of "Ah Wilderness" by Eugene O'Neill, is a spoof on the mid-victorian attitudes of the 1910 era. Set in a small town in Connecticutt, it shows not only small-town enthusiasm but the close ties between the townspeople.

There are the young lovers, Muriel and Richard (Yvonne Tenny and Pat King) who would die for each other, and Sid and Lilly (Hugh Cobb and Mary McCoy) who are "a little older and a little wiser." There is the typical family, the Millers-Nat (Ed Raven-scoft) who is editor of the town paper, Essie (Katee Wells) who still feels Nat is the most "wonderful" person in the world, Art (Danny Brown) to whom everything is "pungent," Mildred (Sue Jaye Punzel) who serves as Richard's conscience, and Tommy (Oliver Smith).

Centerville, Connecticutt also has its "Pleasant Beach House" with bartender, Wint played by Dick Sanders, and Belle played by Peggy Strong. Then there is the wrathy parent McComber played by Alan Smith. Supporting the major characters is a chorus of singers and dancers-Martha Arnold, Tanya Blinov, Danny Brown, Maxine Dermer, Paul Friedman, Sandy George, Jeanne Gunther, Spencer Hoynes, Al Jokela, Chrystal McKinney, Linda Moore, Ileane Porter, Pat Prince, Betsy Punzel, Dick Sanders. Judith Traft, David Stellts, and Florence Williams. Stage managers are Spencer Hoynes and Teri Lukin.

Admission for Armstrong students will be free, but non-students will have to pay an admission charge. The performances must be on a reserva-tion basis because the seating capacity in Jenkins Hall is 253.

Pioneer Days Celebration To Be Held April 21-22

The annual Pioneer Days with a central theme of "The County Fair" will be held Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22. Tentative plans for the festivities were announced by Dale Price, director of Student Activities. Classes will not be dismissed during the activities.

The festivities will officially begin at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon with interclass and interorganization competition. A variety show will be held in the Student Center following the games. Contestants for the variety show must register with Tom Kelly or Pat King by April 18. The sidewalk dividing the campus will serve as Main Street, and organizations will be allowed to set up boothes representing such buildings as a livery stable, a saloon, a general

Friday afternoon will begin with a "town meeting" for announcement of the winners of the competition and presentation of prizes. Immediately after the assembly a dance is scheduled to take place outdoors probably on the parking lot. The festivities will end with a school-wide picnic on

All students are requested to participate in the activities and to dress appropriately for the occasion.

TAU EPSILON PHI HOLDS OPENING OF WEIS CINEMA

The opening of the new Weis Cinema on March 17 was termed a success by members of the Phi Delta Colony of Tau Epsilon Fraternity. The fraternity sponsored the first Savannah showing of the "Great Race" for the opening night attraction.

Donations for the library fund were \$2.50 for general admission and \$5.00 for patrons for whom a special section was reserved. The first ticket to the event was sold to Mayor Maclean by Barney Epstein who was dressed as the popular Batman. The publicity stunt was done by the fraternity to create interest in the opening of the new Cinema because all proceeds were given to the Armstrong Library



Barney Epstein (Batman) sells Mayor MacLean the first ticket to the "Great Race" sponsored by Tau Epsilon Phi.

APO BEGINS SEARCH TO FIND UGLIEST

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring an Ugliest Man on Campus contest during April. The money gained from the contest will probably be used for an athletic scholarship fund, as has been done in the past.

There will be a one-dollar entry fee to be used for the scholarship fund. Deadline for pictures will be April 13, and candidates may be madeup for the shots. The photographs will be displayed in the Student Center for viewing by the student body in preparation for the voting for UMOC which will take place April 15-22.

A dance to climax the activities is

scheduled for April 22, but plans are still incomplete according to Phil

editorials . .

The question of the accreditation of Armstrong State College as a four-year institution has been plaguing the student body since Dr. Gordon Sweet's recent visit to the campus. Dr. Sweet of the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools contrary to popular belief was pleased with Armstrong's progress. Unfortunately, publicity of his recent visit gave only the criticisms of the campus.

In his report to Dr. Ashmore and the administration, Dr. Sweet said that the progress in the recruitment of the faculty was outstanding. "(It is) one of the most remarkable advancements both qualitatively and quantitatively." He also complimented the rapid curriculum development of the major programs. Dr. Sweet's criticisms were that the library was not acquiring enough books on an annual basis and that the student center facilities were not adequate. Dr. Sweet did, however, say that the library was under excellent administration.

Since the allocation of more funds from the Board of Regents, the problems that Dr. Sweet aired have been at least partially solved. Recently the funds for the library have been quadrupled for this year and money has been allocated for new classroom buildings.

Dr. Ashmore said that Armstrong is well on its way to retroactive accrediation. He said that the students and their parents should not have anxiety over meeting the standards of the accrediting bodies.

Many students who read only the unfavorable publicity from Dr. Sweet's visit have shown a desire to leave Armstrong and to go elsewhere to study. To insure Armstrong's accrediatation, it is important that the students who car receive degrees in their chosen fields to study remain at Armstrong and compose the graduating classes.

We realize that the quality of education being offered at Armstrong and the calibre of the faculty are worthy of accreditation. Several of the students have commented that Armstrong's courses are more inclusive and that the grading is stricter than that in several of the accredited schools of the University System of Georgia.

Sr. Sweet is not the only person who has State College as a promising institution of higher learning. It was a memorable moment when Governor Sanders announced that the Student Center would be enlarged, that a new classroom building would be constructed, and that the library would be aided. Governor Sanders should be recognized as a leader in the drive for accreditation. Besides offering the optimism that is needed, he also offered concrete

Although the major obstacles to accreditation are library books and adequate student facilities, which cannot be solved by the students, there are other things that the student body can do. It is important that they cooperate with the administration by helping them to decide what is most necessary in the addition to the Student Center. Because the funds will be limited, the administration would like a guide as to what the students feel is most important. We would like to urge that each student fill out the form on this page and place it in the suggestion box in the Student Center.

Plaguing the students, but not as urgently as accreditation, have been some problems on the campus. Dr. Ashmore has answered some of the questions voiced at the student forums. As stated in the Maroon and Gold, the streets are not completed, but they will be permanently paved when the temperature reaches 60 degrees and remains there during both the night and day hours. Trash cans have been ordered, and a contract for additional sidewalks and landscaping will be let in the next month. Bidding for the development of the athletic facilities (tennis courts, handball courts; a baseball field) will be opened April 19. A director of food services has been employed as of July 1 to direct the cafeteria. Once there is enough money for the purchase of stoves and refridgeration equipment, the cafeteria will be able to provide more than the present limited food service.

Dr. Ashmore has stated that he realizes there are many problems that have arisen due to the move to the new campus, but he hopes that with the cooperation and the interest of the student body these problems can be solved. We feel that is is

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IN COOPERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, THE INKWELL IS PROVIDING A BOX FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES IN THE STUDENT CENTER.

feel that it is only fair to the progress of Armstrong State College that each student make it his duty to take an active interest in the college as an institution of higher learning. With Dr. Ashmore and the rest of the administration working toward accreditation, it is our duty to help as students of Armstrong State College. After all, what is a college without an active student

ASC Students Rehearse; Ashmore Airs Rumors

The convocation on March 7 was tion, asked the students to cooperate not only a rehearsal for the dedication but a time when the administration could bring up issues of importance to the students.

Dean Killorin made some pertinent remarks about the four-year programs and then concluded with a statement concerning the dedication. "The ceremony and formality are a crucial point in the history of the community."

Dr. Ashmore, whom Dean Killorin called the stage manager for dedica-

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many of our problems could be solved by giving an education to everyone so that he may develop his potentialities. He concluded his remarks by saying that "Armstrong has a great future. Let's keep the state and the college growing.'

Mr. James A. Dunlap, Chairman of the Regents of the University System, then presented Dr. Ashmore with the KEY to the campus and petitioned him to "devote his best efforts to providing a quality education to the young people of this area." Dr. Ashmore accepted the key saying that he would "hold the activities of this campus in sacred trust."

Among the other distinguished guests were the members of the Board of Regents, members of the Legislature, Mr. Mills B. Lane Jr., and Mr. Gordon Sweet, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Following the dedication the guests were escorted around the campus by various members of the stuwith him to leave a favorable impression with the Board of Regents and other dignitaries.

Dr. Ashmore also aired some of the rumors that have been circulating the campus. (1) He is not trying to determine the goodness and morality of the individual student, but merely to bring about the light of human personality. (2) He said that ASC is not a "Bible-belt" college because it is not authoritarian and biased. (3) He is a Baptist. (4) He is prejudicedfor Armstrong State College.

Dr. Ashmore challenged the students to get advertising from the leading cigarette manufacturers for the Geechee and Inkwell. If the students succeed, then a cigarette machine will be installed. He said that a cigarette machine would add only about one hundred dollars to the yearly budget of ASC.

Dorsey Nominated To Army Academy

Williard M. Dorsey, freshman, has been named a principal nominee to the United States Military Academy West Point by Representative G. Elliot Hagan. He is attending Armstrong State College as a recipient of two scholarships. Dorsey's nomination is pending upon the physical examination which he has not yet taken. He has passed all other qualifying tests.

Dorsey is currently in the Army Reserve in an inactive status. During high school, he served as commander of the Groves High School ROTC Brigade for 1964-1965.



Dear Sir:

In regards to the editorial cartoon in the March issue of the Inkwell we would like to say a few words. This cartoon pictured President Ashmore as a shining white knight doing away with the "dragon"—a cigarette machine. We believe that for the lack of a mature outlook on the situation the author resorted to personal ridicule. By placing our college president on a horse the author seems to show a lack of respect for the President's position, and it tends to break down the adult communication line that should exist between the student body and the president of the college.

Sincerely yours, Richard Shoemaker Diane Lynch

Martha Lanier

P.S. Ya'll really don't care about the Georgia Tobaco growers, do ya?

Ed.—You show a woeful ignorance of current events as you are obviously unfamiliar with the widely advertised activities of the White Knight. He is a noble and chivalrous knight who slays nought, but cleanses all to a pure and snowy white. And Washington rode a horse.

Dear Sir:

In the context of our search for truth at this institution let us consider the proposed change of the so-called college mascot. Even though signs of discontent over the name "Geechee" have been something less than rampant, the "many students who feel Geechee is inappropriate" (Inkwell, Feb. 10, 1966, p. 1.) need to be answered.

Realizing that such a groundswell of opinion—subtle though it be—is difficult to combat, I nevertheless feel compelled to offer an argument against the premise that a change is called for—namely, that "there is no way to symbolize a Geechee. . . because no one knows exactly what a Geechee is" (Inkwell, Feb. 10, 1966, p. 1). Let truth unsullied by emotion prevail.

Popular opinion, it is true, holds that college mascots should be clearly symbolized by some sort of noble creature—human or animal. Yet institutions of higher learning occasionally rise above mere public opinion. Let us look at some of the more imaginative results of such action, to wit:

Oklahoma (Sooners), Texas A & M (Aggies), Alabama (Crimson Tide), Mississippi State (Maroons), Tulane (Green Wave), North Carolina (Tarheels), Syracuse (Orangemen), Brewton Parker (Blue Barons), Stetson (Hatters), Utah (Utes), etcetera.

Professional teams are even less concerned with the symbolic possibilities of their mascots: Cleveland (Browns), Los Angeles (Dodgers), Minnesota (Twins), New York (Mets), New York (Yankees), Philadelphia (Phillies), Cincinatti (Reds), Cincinatti (Royals), Green Bay (Packers), etcetera.

Now I realize that some of the above can be represented in various amorphous forms. However, the significance of the names lies in what they mean to the people of the area where the team plays-regardless of whether the mascot possesses clear symbolic potential. Such is the case with Geechee, to ex, present, and future students alike I suspect. Let it be whatever it is in the



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minds of those who see it to be meaningful, its symbolic potential notwithstanding. Surely in our search for truth we need to follow the institutions not willing to be guided by fickle public opinion. Let them thus lead us beyond the mundane so that we may hereafter spend our energies elsewhere—once this vital issue is settled.

A Real Truth Seeker,
Robert Strozier
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Geechees End Successful Basketball Season

Armstrong State College has enjoyed one of its most prosperous basketball seasons in recent years, and the baseball program for the upcoming season should also produce a winning year.

The Armstrong basketball season ended with an overall record of 18-10 and a conference record of 10-7. The conference slate did not include an 83-82 loss to Abraham Baldwin College in the state tournament February 24 at Statesboro, Georgia.

Coach Larry Tapp's crew had the pleasure of finishing the home season with an undefeated record (12-0), and the student body supported the basket-



Danny Hattrich

ball program with much enthusiasm. With tests, reports, etc. due in class the following day, many of the students would sacrifice two or three hours the night before to attend the home ball games. When the Geechees played on the road, there was still a contingent from Armstrong to travel well over a hundred miles to see their team play.

Several boys on the team have expressed their appreciation for the the past year, and Coach Tapp also court record would not have been pos- coming season.

sible had the students not turned out to give their support and cheer the team on to victory.

How could anyone forget the great job the cheerleaders did? The girls were at all of the games but it was the work done "behind the scenes" that should be mentioned. The cheerleaders were responsible for the pep rallies, having posters made for the games, and cheering the boys up when they lost on the road. Miss Marcia Smith accompanied the girls on the out-of-town games, and the cheering group traveled with the team on all but two of the road trips.

The only complaint some of the boys had was that they would like to burn their red uniforms. The red outfits are used for road games and the Geechees won only one out of town encounter this year. For those of you who are superstitious, the only win on the road was against Brunswick and it just so happened that the boys wore their white (home) uniforms for that game.

Next year, Armstrong will begin competition with four year schools and the Geechees may be the surprise team in the south in its first year against senior institutions. If more scholarships are provided and the majority of the boys on this year's team remain next season, a good start may be made in the inaugural year of senior college play.

Looking ahead to baseball, Coach Roy Sims is expecting his best year yet. Sims is very optomistic and says the chances for winning the conference crown are "real good." The first official game of the season will be March 26 against Augusta College at Daffin Park.

The sports staff of the Inkwell would like to pay tribute to Coach Larry Tapp, the Armstrong basketball support which they received during team, and the cheerleaders for a job well done. Also, we would like to gave praise to the students. The team wish Coach Sims and his baseball agreed that their undefeated home team much success during the up-

Students Show Preference For Cigarette Machines

The student referendum of March 14 showed a preference for cigarette machines. Dr. Rogers said that approximately 75 per cent of the 116 votes cast favored the machines while 24 per cent supported the administration's stand on the issue. The other

1 per cent was undecided.

Only about 10 per cent of the student body voted at the Fine Arts Building during the voting hours, According to Dr. Rogers, the low turn-out was probably due to exams.

The Imprinter, publication of the Newman Student Federation, questioned the administration's reasons for placing the ballot box in Jenkins Hall when it had normally been placed in the Student Center which is more accessible to the students. Richard Shoemaker said that the building is frequented by a little more than 10 per cent of the students each day. The Imprinter also voiced the opinion that communication was sorely lacking between the administration and the

Dr. Rogers stated that the referendum may be held at a later date. At present, however, the effect of the referendum on the administration is not clear.

Just think before you take the floor: The whale, without a doubt, Would never feel the harpoon's steel If he didn't come up to spout.

> AUTHOR UNKNOWN

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from nesting in your hair.

-B. Q. TAYLOR

Aim Of Pep Band Is To Boost ASC Spirit

To boost school spirit, an idea was formed. Midway in the basketball season it became an effective reality, the Armstrong Pep Band.

The musical group, headed by Charlie Louder, began practicing over the Christmas holidays and began playing at the games in January. Many of the administrative members including Dr. Ashmore, Dr. Rogers, and Mr. Price commented on the wonderful new addition to the sports program. Coach Larry Tapp was especially appreciative of the band and said that it definitely added luster to

It was reported by one of the band members that several of the alumni were very much behind the group and that they had offered to buy sheet music for their group.

The band made a trip to Georgia Southern College for the state tournament and played before and after the Armstrong-Abraham Baldwin game. Not only did the band add to the school spirit but everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy the music.

McLaughlin Wins Crown

The annual Miss Geechee Contest, sponsored by the staff of the Geechee, was held March 10 in Jenkins Hall.

The contestants were judged on poise, beauty, and mental alertness. They were presented in informal attire and evening dresses during the

Miss Amanda McLaughlin, sponsor-

ed by the Dance Committee was crowned Miss Geechee, with Martha Jean Haynes, representing the Inkwell first runner-up. Mary Morgan, Joan Minkovitz, and Mayette Dazell were also finalists. Other contestants were Tanya Blinov, Donna Cox, Pam Dillon, Madelaine Buckalew, Diane Lynch, Irene Miltiades, Linda Sanchez, and Judith Traft.



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